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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers, WC Docket
 No. 05-196
 IP-Enabled Services, WC Docket No. 04-36***

Dear Chairman Martin:

I want to share some important news about a Skype initiative that should go a long way to promote the deployment of broadband services in the United States. Today, Skype announced that Skype users in the U.S. and Canada will be able to make free SkypeOut™ calls to traditional landline and mobile phones in the U.S. and Canada through the end of the year. During this period, Skype-to-Skype (computer to computer) calls will remain free, while SkypeOut calls to and within all other countries will continue to incur charges that are among the lowest available to consumers.

While Skype began as a European company and has seen much of its growth in Europe and Asia, the company is now embarked on expanding the benefits of its software to American Internet users. Today's announcement demonstrates how far we are prepared to go to reach our goals.

Two weeks ago, Skype announced the latest upgrade of its software, which includes a number of new features that set a high standard for communications over the Internet. With today's free calling initiative, and constant improvement to our software, Skype intends to do all that it can to spur broadband deployment in the U.S. Our goal is to make broadband use indispensable to Americans by making communication as easy and robust as

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technology will allow. Our vision clearly goes way beyond mere replacement telephone service.

Several years ago, when John Chambers announced that all voice calls would be free, long distance rates were over twenty cents per minute. Thanks to your work and the work of the FCC, the prices for voice calling have plummeted, putting money back into the hands of American consumers and stimulating broadband deployment. Today, Skype takes another quantum leap toward providing free voice calling to anyone with a broadband connection.

A copy of today's press release is attached.

I understand that we are scheduled to meet on May 23rd. I look forward to our meeting and to discussing this and other Skype initiatives with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Gomez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**Skype Introduces Free Calls to Traditional
Landlines and Mobile Phones in the US and Canada**

San Jose, CA, May 15, 2006 – Skype®, the global Internet communications company, today announced that all US and Canadian-based Skype customers can now make free SkypeOut™ calls to traditional landline and mobile phones in the US and Canada. Previously, Skype users in both countries were required to pay for Skype calls from their PCs to traditional telephones. Free SkypeOut calls to the US or Canada will be available to US and Canadian-based Skype users until the end of the year.

Skype has now removed any cost barrier for its American and Canadian customers to keep in touch with friends, family and business associates. Skype anticipates that completely free calling in the US and Canada will expand Skype's increasing penetration in North America and solidify Skype's position as the Internet's voice communication tool of choice. More people will now have the chance to benefit from Skype's premium services and online calling capabilities.

"Millions of consumers around the world are flocking to Skype every month, and we believe free SkypeOut calling will rapidly accelerate Skype adoption in the US and Canada," said Henry Gomez, General Manager, Skype North America.

"We're very excited to be bringing Skype's convenience and voice quality to so many people for free."

While SkypeOut calls within the US and Canada will now be free, SkypeOut calls to and within all other countries will continue to incur charges. Those charges are unchanged by today's announcement and remain among the lowest available to consumers.

Last week Skype released a new beta version of its software that adds even more features and functionality to Skype's voice and video calling options, including: SMS; simplified dialing; payments in Skype; Outlook contact integration; call quality management; simplified registration; shared contact groups; and improved conference calling. On May 1, after just more than two and a half years in operation, Skype achieved 100 million registered users worldwide.

About Skype

Skype is the world's fastest-growing Internet communication offering, allowing people everywhere to make unlimited voice and video communication for free between the users of Skype software. Skype is available in 27 languages and is used in almost every country around the world. Skype generates revenue through its premium offerings such as making and receiving calls to and from landline and mobile phones, voicemail, call forwarding and personalization including ringtones and avatars. Skype also has relationships with a growing network of hardware and software providers.

Skype is an eBay company (NASDAQ: EBAY). To learn more visit skype.com.

Skype is not a replacement for your ordinary telephone and cannot be used for emergency calling.

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